

The Rethinker is a newsletter dedicated to educating local residents on ways to reduce, reuse and recycle your waste. With your help, we can achieve our goals of diverting waste from the landfill and maintaining healthy, livable communities.

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Happy Holidays!

Did You Know?

Stay CartSMART with these top 10 service tips:

1. Review the CartSMART Residential Program Guide at www.rethinkwaste.org for detailed information on which items go in each cart.
2. Customers can request smaller or larger recycle and compost carts at no charge by contacting Recology San Mateo County at 650-595-3900.
3. Keep it clean! Don't overfill carts and make sure lids are fully closed.
4. Put carts away once serviced to keep your neighborhood clean and safe.
5. When you place your carts out on collection day, space them about 2 feet apart.
6. Put household batteries and cell phones in a clear and sealed plastic bag and place on the lid (not inside) of your blue recycle cart on your collection day. Small button and lithium ion batteries should be wrapped in tape before placing in the bag.
7. Soiled paper and cardboard boxes go in the green compost cart.
8. Plastic containers, except for black colored containers, with a recycling symbol and labeled #1-7 go in the blue recycle cart. Items without a number go in the black garbage cart.
9. Be sure to empty recyclable containers such as yogurt or peanut butter jars. Just scraping the container clean will do, no rinsing required!
10. Plastic bags can be recycled at your local grocery store or go in the black cart. Please don't bag recyclables when placing in the blue recycling cart.

For more information or helpful tips, visit www.rethinkwaste.org.

Announcements

President's Day—Monday, February 15, 2016: No change to CartSMART Recycle, Compost and Garbage collection services by Recology. Please set your carts out for collection as usual. The Recology offices will be closed, however the Shoreway Environmental Center will be open regular hours.

Save the Date! Earth Day @ Shoreway – Saturday, April 23rd, 2016: Join us for our 5th Annual Earth Day celebration. Look for details at www.rethinkwaste.org in early 2016.

America Recycles Day & Poster Contest Winner

The first annual America Recycles Day at the Shoreway Environmental Center was a huge success. Held annually on November 15th, America Recycles Day is a community-driven national awareness event dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. This year's event featured fun activities for the whole family including arts and crafts, facility tours, face painting and a free compost giveaway.

Sixth grader, Nicolas Gibson from Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Redwood City, took first place in the 2015 America Recycles Day Poster Contest, "Rethink Waste – Recycling @ School is Cool!". The winning artwork will be featured on a Recology San Mateo County collection truck.



Winning poster created by Nicolas Gibson from Redwood City.

2015/2016 Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be no CartSMART Recycle, Compost and Garbage collection services on Friday, December 25, 2015 and Friday, January 1, 2016. If your regular collection day falls on the holiday, your service will be delayed by one day. Your regular collection service schedule will resume the week of January 4, 2016.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DEC 21 Regular Service	DEC 22 Regular Service	DEC 23 Regular Service	DEC 24 Regular Service	DEC 25 No Service <i>Christmas Day, Recology Office Closed</i>	DEC 26 Service for Friday Customers <i>Recology Office Closed</i>
DEC 28 Regular Service	DEC 29 Regular Service	DEC 30 Regular Service	DEC 31 Regular Service	JAN 1 No Service <i>Christmas Day, Recology Office Closed</i>	JAN 2 Service for Friday Customers <i>Recology Office Closed</i>

Questions? Call 650-595-3900 or visit www.RecologySanMateoCounty.com

Batteries Included

Did you know that batteries are categorized as Universal Waste, making them hazardous and illegal to throw away in your garbage? This includes the small button sized lithium ion batteries typically found in wristwatches, small flashlights, etc. Be sure to properly recycle your batteries this holiday season!

- Curbside Recycling – Please put used household batteries (no auto batteries) and cell phones in a zip-type, clear plastic bag and place the bag on the lid of your blue Recycle Cart on your collection day. Tape button-type batteries individually and wrap cell phones in paper before placing in the bag.
- Door-to-Door HHW Program – Batteries can be included in the Household Hazardous Waste collection pick up. This service is included in your garbage bill and can be scheduled by calling 800-HHW-PKUP (800-449-7587) or emailing atyourdoor@wm.com.
- Shoreway Environmental Center – Free drop off of batteries and cell phones at Shoreway's Public Recycling Center located at 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos.

Holiday Tree Recycling

Recology San Mateo County will collect holiday trees between December 26th and January 31st on your regular collection day. Please remove all decorations and tree stands (flocked trees are ok) before placing next to your Compost Cart for collection. Trees longer than 8 feet in length must be cut into shorter lengths before being placed next to your Compost Cart in order to be collected. After January 31st, trees need to be cut into pieces and placed inside the Compost Cart; pieces must fit inside the cart with the lid closed.

Apartment Managers/Owners:

Multi-Family Dwelling (apartments, townhomes, condominiums) Managers/Owners can arrange for holiday tree collection through Recology San Mateo County. Trees can be collected in piles or in a drop box for no additional charge. Please call 650-595-3900 or visit www.RecologySanMateoCounty.com for more information.



Information & Resources

The regional public agency that helps local communities reduce waste through innovative programs and partnerships and by managing service contracts.
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For questions about your bill and the CartSMART program:
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For questions about the Shoreway Environmental Center:
South Bay Recycling, 333 Shoreway Road • San Carlos, CA 94070
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